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Chapter 9. Designation of Public or Private Agencies to Investigate Reports of Abuse or Neglect Involving a Child Under the Care of a Public or Private Institution

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Written protocol or agreement designating agency primarily responsible for investigation

Sec. 1. (a) Through a written protocol or agreement, the division of family and children shall designate the public or private agencies primarily responsible for investigating reports involving a child who:

- (1) may be a victim of child abuse or neglect; and
- (2) is under the care of a public or private institution.

(b) The designated agency must be different from and separately administered from the agency involved in the alleged act or omission. Subject to this limitation, the agency:

- (1) may be:
 - (A) the division of family and children;
 - (B) the local child protection service; or
 - (C) a law enforcement agency; and
- (2) may not be the office of the prosecuting attorney.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16.

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Terms or conditions of protocol or agreement

Sec. 2. The protocol or agreement must describe the specific terms or conditions of the designation, including the following:

- (1) The manner in which reports of a child who may be a victim of child abuse or neglect and who is under the care of a public or private institution will be received.
- (2) The manner in which the reports will be investigated.
- (3) The remedial action that will be taken.
- (4) The manner in which the division of family and children will be kept fully informed on the progress, findings, and disposition of the investigation.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16.

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Purchase of services of public or private agency

Sec. 3. To fulfill the purposes of this chapter, the division of family and children may purchase the services of the public or private agency designated to investigate reports of child abuse or neglect.

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